Cubans Claim Arrest of 18 in CIA Spy Ring

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MIAMI (AP) — Havana radio reported today Cuba has arrested a "CIA spy ring" of 18 persons, including five women. The group agreed to work for the CIA to obtain information about the sugar crop and of the strength of our armed forces," said the broadcast, monitored in Miami.

This information, it added, "would be used by the United States in its plans to frustrate our economical development and for acts of sabotage against our economy."

THE BROADCAST said those arrested, presumably all Cubans, had received instructions from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency by a man who had entered Cuba illegally, Manuel "Pichinche" de los Santos Ramirez.

In Washington, a spokesman said the State Department would have no comment on the broadcast.

Among those arrested by government security police, the radio said, were the leader of the group, Jorge Fernandez Trujillo, and his assistant, Ramon Can Chao. Both were listed as from Havana.

THE WOMEN arrested were identified as Ana Gloria Rodriguez Pereja, Yolanda Veliz Martinez, Magdalena Oble Vallescarat, Emilia Nunez Fernandez and Amparo Corzo.

The broadcast said those arrested had in their possession radios, transmitters, tape recorders and code books to decipher messages.

It said the alleged organizer of the ring, De los Santos Ramirez, and two others were arrested last year. It added they were presented to a convention of the Latin American Congress of Solidarity, a leftist organization, shortly after their arrest.

Havana Radio said those arrested had been turned over to the Havana Revolutionary Tribunal for trial.

IT SAID FERNANDEZ Trujillo, 45, and Can Chao, 24, received $4,000 from the CIA to organize the spy ring. Later a CIA agent in Cuba, who was not identified, supplied further funds, it added.

The Cuban radio said the home of Can Chao at Boca Ciega, a Havana suburb, was used to transmit and receive radio messages.

Among items seized from those arrested, it said, was special paper to be used with invisible ink. It said the group fed the CIA information regarding oil supplies and ship movements, along with other data.

The broadcasts described Fernandez Trujillo as unemployed and said Can Chao worked for the Cuban oil industry. The other persons arrested, they said, were "former members of the Batista regime and enemies of the revolution." Fulgencio Batista was ousted by Fidel Castro in 1959.

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